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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/019,264	Applicant(s) IKEMOTO ET AL.	
	Examiner Golam M M Shameem	Art Unit 1626	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 April 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-48 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-48 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-48, are pending in this application.

Election/Restrictions

Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

Lack of Unity Requirement

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions, which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

Due to the numerous variables in the claims, e.g. R^{a1} , R^{a2} and R^{a3} etc. (and the provisos) and their widely divergent meanings, a precise listing of inventive groups cannot be made. The following groups are exemplary:

Group I claim(s) 1-10, and 15 drawn to a method for producing a compound of the formula wherein, R^{a1} and R^{a2} are each a hydrogen atom, a substituted hydroxy, a substituted thiol, a substituted amino, an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group, or an acyl; R^{a3} is as defined except optionally substituted heterocyclic group; R^{a7} and R^{a8} are as defined except optionally substituted heterocyclic group, classified in class 548 with plethora of subclasses.

Group II claim(s) 1-10, and 15 drawn to a method for producing a compound of the formula wherein, R^{a1} , R^{a2} , R^{a3} , R^{a7} and R^{a8} and are each an optionally substituted heterocyclic group, classified in class 548 with plethora of subclasses.

Group III claims 11, 14 and 16, drawn to a compound of the formula wherein, all variables are as defined, and one method of production, classified in class 548 with several subclasses.

Group IV claims 12 and 13, drawn to a compound of the formula wherein, all variables are as defined, and one method of production, classified in class 558 with several subclasses.

Group V claims 17 and 18, drawn to a method for producing a compound of the formula classified in class 548 with several subclasses.

Group VI claims 19-26, drawn to a method for producing a compound of the formula wherein, all variables are as defined, except optionally substituted heterocyclic group, classified in class 548 with several subclasses.

Group VII claims 19-26, drawn to a method for producing a compound of the formula wherein, all variables are optionally substituted heterocyclic group, classified in class 548 with several subclasses.

Group VIII claims 27, 28 and 31 drawn to a method for producing a compound of the formula wherein, all variables are as defined, except optionally substituted heterocyclic group, classified in class 564 with several subclasses.

Group IX claims 27, 28 and 31 drawn to a method for producing a compound of the formula wherein, all variables are optionally substituted heterocyclic group, classified in class 564 with several subclasses.

Group X claims 29 and 30, drawn to a method for producing a compound of the formula classified in class 548 with several subclasses.

Group XI claims 32-35, drawn to a compound and a method for producing a compound of the formula classified in class 549 with several subclasses.

Group XII claims 36-38, drawn to a method for producing a compound of the formula classified in class 548 with several subclasses.

Group XIII claims 39-41, drawn to a method for producing a compound of the formula classified in class 548 with several subclasses.

Group XIV claim 42, drawn to a method for producing a compound of the formula classified in class 548 with several subclasses.

Group XV claim 43, drawn to a method for producing a compound of the formula classified in class 548 with several subclasses.

Group XVI claim 44, drawn to a compound of the formula classified in classes 548 and with several subclasses.

Group XVII claim 45, drawn to a method for producing a compound of the formula classified in classes 548 with several subclasses.

Group XVIII claim 46-48, drawn to a crystal compound of the formula classified in classes 548 and with several subclasses.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted. Again, this list is not exhausted, as it would be impossible under the time constraints due to the sheer volume of subject matter instantly claimed. Therefore, applicant may choose to elect a single invention by identifying another specific embodiment not listed in the exemplary groups of the invention and examiner will endeavor to group the same. If applicant wishes to elect subject matter other than that identified in the above groups, applicant may elect a species and examiner will attempt to group it. The claims herein lack unity of invention under PCT Rule 13.1 and 13.2 since the compounds defined in the claims lack a significant structural element qualifying as the special technical feature that defines a contribution over the prior art. The compounds claimed contain a

substituted or optionally substituted heterocyclic group, which is attached to core triazole ring that does not define a contribution over the prior art. The substituents on the triazole ring vary extensively and when taken as a whole result in vastly different compounds. Accordingly, unity of invention is considered to be lacking and restriction of the invention in accordance with the rules of unity of invention is considered to be proper. Additionally, the vastness of the claimed subject matter, the numerous provisos found in the claims, and the complications in understanding the claimed subject matter imposes a burden on any examination of the claimed subject matter.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Golam Shameem, Ph.D. whose telephone number is 703-305-0116. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30 AM to 5:00 PM Monday to Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph McKane can be reached on 703-308-4537. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-308-7921 for regular communications and 703-308-7921 for after final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-1235.

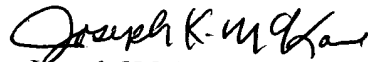
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